SIXTH GRADE CURRICULUM

IN SIXTH GRADE GRAMMAR & COMPOSITION our students will:
- write three types of essays: informative, narrative, and persuasive
- continue to master English grammar by sentence diagramming and other exercises
- Identify and write with participial, gerund, and infinitive phrases
- begin to work on developing their own style and voice in their writing

IN SIXTH GRADE LITERATURE our students will read and discuss:
- novels such as The Prince and The Pauper and The Scarlet Pimpernel
- poems such as “All the World’s a Stage” by Shakespeare and “The Raven” by Poe
- Classical myths such as Apollo and Daphne, Narcissus and Echo, Cupid and Psyche
- stories from Children’s Homer by Padraic Colum

IN SIXTH GRADE HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY our students will:
- learn important dates of ancient Greece and Rome from the fall of Troy to the sack of Rome
- understand the lasting ideas of Judaism and Christianity for western civilization
- discuss the lasting ideas of Ancient Greek and Roman civilizations
- study the scientific and philosophical ideas of the Enlightenment
- study the French Revolution, Napoleon Bonaparte, and the first French empire

IN SIXTH GRADE LATIN our students will:
- begin the formal study of the Latin language using Lingua Latina and Wheelock’s Latin
- learn to read, parse, diagram, and translate simple Latin sentences
- understand why they are studying Latin, along with Latin’s origins and uses in history

IN SIXTH GRADE MATH our students will:
- add, subtract, multiply, and divide positive and negative numbers
- write and evaluate algebraic expressions
- find the surface area of plane figures and the volume of rectangular prisms
- compare numerical data and measures of variability

IN SIXTH GRADE SCIENCE our students will:
- study plate tectonics, the layered structure of the earth, volcanoes, and earthquakes
- understand the six forms of energy: mechanical, heat, electrical, wave, chemical, nuclear
- conduct experiments with changing states of matter including condensation and distillation
- study the human circulatory, lymphatic, and immune systems

IN SIXTH GRADE ART our students will:
- draw a human in proportion, a landscape using one-point perspective, and a still life
- design a Gothic-style cathedral with flying buttresses, groin vaulting, and stained glass
- study an overview of art history from Ancient Greece to the Realism of the 19th century

IN SIXTH GRADE MUSIC our students will:
- recognize frequently used Italian art terms such as adagio, crescendo, legato, allegro, etc.
- identify by ear chords such as tonic, subdominant, and dominant
- sing choral arrangements as part of the sixth grade choir

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